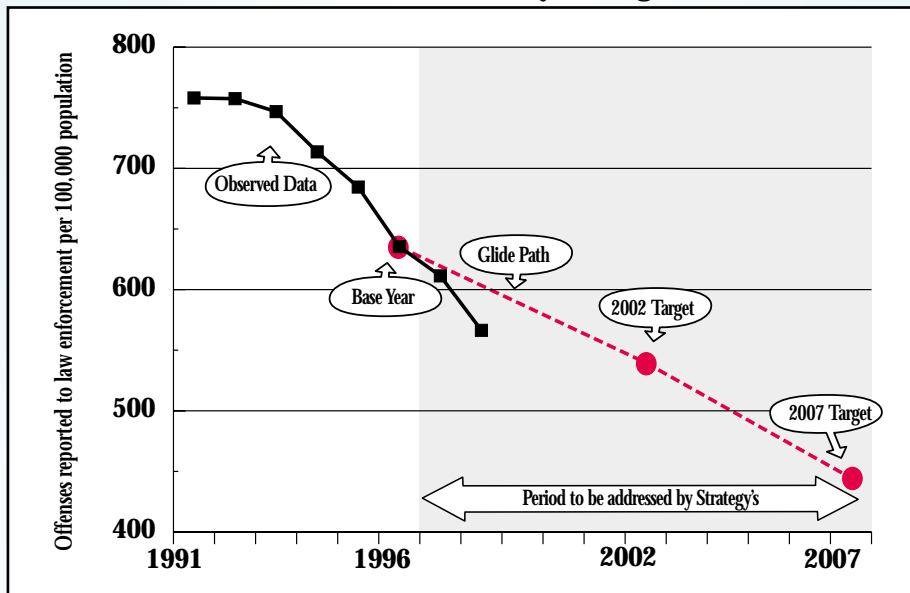


Chart Explanation

The charts in this chapter are used to summarize progress made by the drug control community toward achieving each Impact Target. Figure 8, below, illustrates the chart format used in this report, using the violent crime target as an example. Each chart provides both observed data and projected policy targets. Observed data points represent data collected (actual achievements) and reported by Federal agencies and are shown in black. The impact targets for 2002 and 2007 are the projected policy targets and are shown in red. The red dotted line shows the projected glide path to achieving these targets from 1996, the base year for each chart, to 2007. The reader is able, at a glance, to assess progress. For example, in this chart if observed data for 1998 are below the glide path we are on track to achieve the end results. If observed data are above the glide path we are off track. The gray zone marks the period addressed by the Strategy's Performance Measures of Effectiveness (PME) system (i.e., baseline to 2007). The area in white represents the time period for which data are available prior to the PME's baseline year of 1996. In cases where such data are available, they provide detail on the historic trend for the measure. The data source is referenced at the bottom of each chart.

This specific chart shows, in black, a steady decline in the overall crime rate from 1991 through 1998. In 1997 and 1998 this trend is clearly below the glide path (depicted in red) indicating that overall violent crime is favorably on-track toward exceeding the formal PME target for 2002 and 1007.

Figure 8
Violent Crime Has Declined Steadily Throughout the 1990s



Source: 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse